

**Mr. Samuel P. Williamson, Federal Coordinator**

Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research

**Closing Remarks**

The Federal Coordinator began the session by thanking everyone for making the Forum a success. He also acknowledged and thanked the Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology Directorate for its partnership in developing the Forum. He noted that more than 120 people attended the Forum and that the participants represented the many sectors of the community, including both providers and users of urban zone information. He also stated that during the Forum progress was made in putting key issues on the table that will be useful in defining a framework for addressing atmospheric hazards, weather events, and climate issues associated with the urban zone.

Mr. Williamson stated that the Forum's executive summary and presentations will be available on the OFCM web site within two weeks after the Forum adjourns. Issues identified during the Forum will be captured in the Forum proceedings. The Forum proceedings should be available in 3 - 4 months. The overarching approach is to work the highest priority issues immediately. Therefore, the Federal Coordinator will inform the Federal Committee for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research (FCMSSR) about the high priority near-term strategic challenges. The highest priority strategic challenge is to develop a strategy for addressing issues associated with the urban zone. When the Federal Coordinator reports the results of this Forum to FCMSSR, he will seek its endorsement of a framework for pursuing how to address the urban zone issues.

Mr. Williamson adjourned the Forum and wished safe travels to all.

A summary of the Forum, as well as Mr. Williamson's remarks, can be found on the OFCM web site: [www.ofcm.gov](http://www.ofcm.gov)